MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ന. o ചർഷത്തിനമുമ്പ് അവിടെ പാറക്കെട്ട് ഇല്ലേ? പാറക്കെട്ട് പൊട്ടേന്ന ഉണ്ടായതാണോ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : നിശ്ചയമായിട്ടും അല്ല.

Co-operative movement among women.

326 *SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what action has been taken by the Government on the recommendation made by the Devadhar Committee regarding the need for spreading the co-operative movement among women ;

(*b*) how many lady organisers are employed in the Department ;

(*c*) whether applications have been received from ladies qualified in co-operation for appointment in the Department ; and

(*d*) how many of them have been appointed ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : (*a*) The department is popularising the movement among women.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) None.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA : Sir, with reference to answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), may I know whether it was considered that lady organisers and lady Inspectors will not serve any useful purpose ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : There are no lady organisers in the Department. As regards lady Inspectors, I shall not stand in their way if, however, there is any chance they will be appointed.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA : May I know whether Government consider that the present number of women members, *viz.*, 24,996 is a satisfactory number for such an enlightened State like Travancore ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : That is a question of opinion.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA : Sir, with reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know why they have not been appointed ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : The recruitment is made by the Public Service Commissioner.

Improvement of Kaduvankulam Tank.

327 *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Health have received representations regarding the improvement of the Kaduvankulam tank at Karuvatta in Kartikapally taluk ;

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Health had addressed the Chief Engineer regarding the urgent necessity of improving the tank ;

(*c*) whether any amount has been sanctioned for the same in the years 1112, 1113 or 1114 ;

(*d*) if so, whether any amount was spent for the same ; and

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(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative why the work was not begun?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) & (*e*) Do not arise.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Sir, may I know why the Chief Engineer did not take any action regarding the matter of improvement of the tank even though the Director of Public Health had recommended?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : Sir, the estimate was considered to be excessive.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether the Chief Engineer inspected the tank at any time?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : I cannot say.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know what he means by 'excessive'?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : The estimate was for Rs. 3,000 odd and the opinion of the Director of Public Health was that it was excessive.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know whether a new estimate was thought to be prepared seeing that the money spent according to this estimate would not be of adequate use to the public? If the estimate was not correct another could have been prepared.

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : A new estimate need not be prepared on the score that this figure was not correct, but the amount required will not be proportionate to the benefit.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : Sir, who is the better judge of it?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : We have both consulted each other is the matter.

Representation from the people of Karoor for a new road.

328. * **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP** : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Karoor, Ambalapuzha to convert the public way running east from the 43rd mile stone on the Quilon-Alleppey road and reaching the Sri Krishnaswami Temple on the south, into a cartable road;

(*b*) if so, when was it received;

(*c*) whether the people have levelled up the path at their own cost just in level with the adjacent compounds on the both sides;

(*d*) what is the length of the said pathway;

(*e*) what will be the approximate cost of metalling that pathway; and

(*f*) whether it is not possible to metal it to make it a cartable road?

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